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Man Charged with Domestic Violence Capital Murders in Winnetka

A 24-year-old man was charged today with killing his ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend at her Winnetka apartment building, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Brian Gonzales aka Brian Hammons (dob 12/17/91) faces two counts of murder with special circumstance allegations of murder during the commission of a kidnapping and multiple murders.

Gonzales also faces allegations that he used and fired a handgun in the commission of the crimes in case LA082639.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On Jan. 17, Gonzales allegedly confronted his ex-girlfriend, Emily Fox, 22, and Jerred Scott, 24, in a hallway at her apartment building, prosecutors said. While Scott attempted to escape, Fox dialed 911. Gonzales is accused of catching up to Scott and bringing him back at gunpoint to Fox's location before fatally shooting both of them, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

Gonzales is being held without bail.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Bureau.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.